

HOUSE No. 2130

By Mr. Toomey of Cambridge, petition of Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.
and others relative to speed limits in cities and towns. Transportation.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

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In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO SPEED LIMITS IN CITIES AND TOWNS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 17 of Chapter 90 of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 2002 Official Edition, is hereby amended in
3 line 12 by striking out the word “thirty” and inserting in place
4 thereof the following word:— “twenty-five”.

1 SECTION 2. Section 18 of said Chapter 90 of the General
2 Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the
3 first paragraph the following new paragraph:—
4 “Notwithstanding the foregoing, upon a vote by a city council,
5 board of selectmen or town council, as the case may be, a city or
6 town may make special regulations as to the speed of motor vehi-
7 cles on functionally classified local ways; provided, however, that
8 the way in question is wholly contained in the municipality; pro-
9 vided, further, that a professional engineer in civil or traffic engi-
10 neering registered within the commonwealth and the chief of
11 police or the board or officer having control of the police in a city

12 or town first certify in writing that such regulation is consistent
13 with the public interest and public safety; provided, further, that
14 such regulations shall not be subject to the approval of the depart-
15 ment or the registrar. For the purpose of this paragraph, a func-
16 tionally classified local way shall be a public way in a residential
17 area and a public way between a residential area and a minor com-
18 mercial area.”